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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hitoshi SATO et al.

Serial No. 10/659,252

Group Art Unit: 1764

Confirmation No. 3550

Filed: September 11, 2003

Examiner: Unknown

For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING METHOD AND EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows: